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## **City of Salisbury to Partner with Bobby Jackson Summer Basketball League to Offer Positive Opportunities for Local Youth**

Salisbury, NC\_June 11, 2008 – Salisbury Mayor Susan Kluttz, speaking on behalf of the Salisbury City Council, announced today that the City of Salisbury will partner with the Bobby Jackson Summer Basketball League to provide a positive summer opportunity for local youth. The program, offered to coed adolescents, 6<sup>th</sup> grade through high school, provides the opportunity to gain knowledge of basketball skills, receive coaching on career and educational decisions, acquire social etiquette, and develop character traits and positive social interaction. Livingstone College and Hall Gym will provide the sites for the five week youth league, held during June and July. The league will offer a capstone graduation banquet, held July 19. Registration for the annual Bobby Jackson one-week basketball camp will be held on Sunday, July 20 at Livingstone College with the program convening on Monday, July 21.

Mayor Kluttz shares, "The Bobby Jackson League is a strong match to the Community Action Agenda which was established through citizen feedback provided at the Salisbury-Rowan United Summit, held in early June of last year. The program incorporates a number of of the eight areas identified, including recreation, mentoring and tutoring, faith community involvement and community education and awareness. The City is proud to partner with this league which offers a positive venue for local youth." Kluttz offers that opening ceremonies and registration for the league will convene on Thursday afternoon, June 12, at Livingstone College. The Mayor will offer opening comments to those in attendance at the 6 pm event.

The league still has openings with scholarship opportunities available. Interested individuals may contact Coach Andrew Mitchell at [andrewmitchell55@carolina.rr.com](mailto:andrewmitchell55@carolina.rr.com) or call (704)267-1122 or (980)234-8044 for more information.

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